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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on its merits, kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

The following claims were unintentionally misnumbered. The claim numbering amendments begin after existing claim 47. on page 113 of the specification.

48 [1]. The method of claim 47, wherein the genetic element that additionally comprises a counterselectable marker further specifies an activation domain fusion protein.

49 [2]. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

(K) providing at least two of said genetic elements in step (A), which additionally comprise different counterselectable markers;